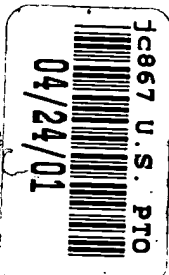


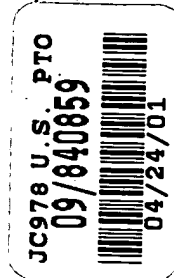


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Inventor(s):	Adam G. Malofsky, et al.
Title:	FASTENING DEVICE
Drawings:	6 Sheets
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